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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hi,

I am writing in regards to the Microsoft Settlement. It has come to my attention that you are considering where to focus the funds from the settlement. I would like to briefly explain where I would hope you would direct some of the settlement.

Currently, I am the Assistant Principal/Transportation Director/Athletic Director but before this recent job change I was District Computer Coordinator. With that job, I can honestly say the funding for technology was scarce. The School District of Spooner is a medium size school district in rural Northwest Wisconsin. The majority of the supporting community is either retired or around the poverty level. Unlike larger communities such as Madison or Milwaukee, Spooner and the surrounding smaller towns are not able to tap into our local industries for help. Most of the businesses are geared towards tourism (such as bars, restaurants and small grocery stores). In fact the 3rd largest employer in Spooner is our local grocery store.

With this background, I would hope that any aid that you could funnel towards rural areas would greatly be appreciated. To compete with schools from larger communities we need to have similar resources. Grants and scholarships are basically our only option. Asking our voters for help is very depressing (we failed our last 5 referendums these past 10 years). The funding would help us upgrade, build infrastructure and maintain the technology that we do have.

I can give you many examples, but my point is to ask for you to support technology funding for rural areas such as Spooner, Wisconsin. Any support would greatly be appreciated.

Thank You!

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